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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SOVIET PRESS - SEPTEMBER 15

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SOVIET PRESS:

-- US COVERAGE IS MODERATE IN VOLUME, ON BALANCE,
NEGATIVE IN TONE. MAIN ITEM IS LENGTHY ARTICLE BY PRAVDA
CORRESPONDENT VISHNEVSKIY BASED ON HIS APRTICIPATION IN
RECENT STATE DEPARTMENT STUDY TOUR.

-- AFRICA COVERAGE IN CENTRAL PRESS IS QUITE LIGHT.
PRAVDA CARRIES TASS LONDON REPORT OF STATEMENT BY
CHAIRMAN OF S. AFRICAN CP, YUSUF DADU (PHONETIC), TO
MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BRITISH CP. DADU
REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED "SHARP CRITICISM" OF SO-CALLED SHUTTLE
DIPLOMACY" OF SECRETARY KISSINGER.

IN SEPTEMBER 15 SOTSIALISTICHESKAYA
INDUSTRIYA, BY YU. KIRPICHINOV HITS AT IMPERIALIST -- ESEPCially
U S SUPPORT OF VORSTER REGIME IN S. AFRICA,
DESCRIBES GOAL OF SECRETARY'S TRIP AS "APPLICATION OF NEW
PRESSURE ON AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO FOIST A PLAN ON THEM
WHICH HAS BEEN WORKED OUT WITH CHIEF OF RACIST REGIME."
-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA PRINT TASS LUANDA
ARTICLE ON ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO'S SPEECH IN HUAMBO.
NETO "NOTED" THAT SWAPO WAS "ONLY MOVEMENT WHICH WAS
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WAGING ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST RACIST OCCUPIERS AND WHICH
WAS LEGITIMATE SPOKESMAN OF INTERESTS OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE."

-- TWO MAJOR ARTICLES BOOST ARMS CONTROL.
"HUNGARIAN PUBLICIST" PETER VAJDA WRAPS SUPPORT FOR SOVIET
PROPOSALS (WITH STRESS ON REDUCING MILITARY BUDGETS) AND
FOR NATIONAL-LIBERATION INTO ONE "PEACE STRATEGY", AND
SAYS THE ARMS RACE STOKED BY IMPERIALIST MILITARY CIRCLES

IS NOW "THE MAIN FORM OF OPPOSITION TO DETENTE." IZVESTIYA'S
LEAD COMMENTARY BY PEREVOSHCHIKOV FROM GENEVA TOUTS ENMOD
DRAFT AGREED TO "BY ALL CCD MEMBERS" AS PROOF THAT NEW
WEAPONS "IN INITIAL STAGE OF STUDY" CAN BE
PROHIBITED, AND STRESSES CTB AND CW ON OUTSTANDING AGENDA.

-- IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY ON SWEDISH ELECTIONS BY
ZUBKO IS MOST SPECIFIC YET: IT POINTS DIRECTLY TO FACT
THAT SD GOVERNMENT DEPENDS ON SWEDISH COMMUNISTS CAMPAIGNING
"IN DIFFICULT CONDITIONS" AND QUOTES FONMIN ANDERRSON
STATEMENT TO ZUBKO THAT OPPOSITION GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE
BEEN LESS HARSH ON U S OVER VIETNAM AND LESS STRONG IN
SUPPORT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN AFRICA;
ESCHEWING PREDICTIONS, ZUBKO STILL NOTES THAT SD CAN
EXPECT TO GET MOST NEW YOUTH VOTES.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY TASS BEIRUT REPORT ON
POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN LABANON PRIOR TO SARKIS' ACCESSION
TO OFFICE SEPTEMBER 23. "AN-NAHAR" IS CITED ON PALNNED
MEETING BETWEEN SYRIAN PM KHULAYFAWI, PLO LEADER ARAFAT,
AND SARKIS. TASS ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONS NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS
OF SYRIAN PLANES "BUZZING" POSITION OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC
FORCES AND PALESTINE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT.

-- KZ CARRIES LENGTHY DETAILED ARTICLE BY
CAPTAIN, FIRST RANK, L. IVANASHCHENKO ON ILLEGALITY OF
ISRAELI BLOCADE OF SOUTHERN LEBANES COAST. ARTICLE
MAKES IMPLICIT LINK WITH PREVIOUS U S BLOCADES (KORE-,
CUBA, VIETNAM,) AND WARNS THAT THIS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW CARRIES THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN MIDDLE EAST.

-- LIT GAZ HAS ARTICLE ON ANTI-SOVIET PLAY "LONG
LIVE THE DELEGATION" WHICH HAS BEEN PLAYING IN CAIRO AND
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WHICH WAS RECENTLY SHOWN ON EGYPTIAN STATE TELEVISION.
THE ARTICLE, BY NOVOYE VREMYA CORRESPONDENT D. ZGERSKIY,
FIXES PLAY FIRMLY IN ANTO-SOVIET CAMPAIGN BEING CARRIED
OUT BY "CERTAIN CIRCLES IN EGYPT" TO GAIN CONFIDENCE OF
WEST AND OBTAIN "APPROPRIATE CRUMBS."

-- ALL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS CARRY STRONG TASS
STATEMENT BERATING JAPAN OVER DEFECTOR CASE, WHILE PRAVDA
AND KZ CARRY STINGING COMMENTARY BY TASS POLITICAL OBSERVER
A. BIRYUKOV, CALLED "BASELESS CLAIMS", ON THE NORTHERN
TERRITORIES (SEPTTEL).

2. U.S. COVERAGE MODERATE IN VOLUME AND, ON BALANCE,
NEGATIVE IN TONE.

-- PRAVDA HAS LENGTHY ARTICLE (PART 1) BY
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT S. VISHEVSKIY BASED ON HIS PARTICI-
PATION IN DEPARTMENT-SPONSORED THREE-WEEK LONG STUDY TOUR
OF U.S. VISHNEVSKIY PRAISES DEPARTMENT GUIDE, FRANK
HEGEMAN, FOR HIS "AMERICAN EFFICIENCY" IN ARRANGING TOUR.
WHILE BULK OF ARTICLE IS BASED ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS OF U S CITIES, MANNER IN WHICH MATERIAL IS
PRESENTED LEAVES IMPRESSION THAT AMERICAN IS CONSCIOUS
OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND CAPABILITIES IN DEALING WITH
THEM.

-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY ARTICLE DESCRIBING
UN COMMITTEE REPORT CRITICAL OF U S HANDLING OF PROVOCATION
OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS AND TERRORISTS GROUPS AGAINST
UN MISSION OF SOVIET UNION, UKRAINE, BELORUSSIA AND OTHERS.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ REPORT UN AMBASSADOR SCRANTON'S
STATEMENT THAT HE WILL VETO HANOI UN APPLICATION.

-- AS LAST ITEM IN "OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
COLUMN" IZVESTIYA MENTIONS DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW OF
AMBASSADOR STOESSEL.

-- LIT GAZ HAS ARTICLE BY A. STRONGANOV ON RECENT
MOSCOW TRIAL OF THREE AMERICAN NARCOTICS SMUGGLERS.
ARTICLE PLAYS UP NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN WEST, MAINTAINS
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THAT TWO-THIRDS OF ALL NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES COME FROM
CHINA THROUGH HONG KONG.

-- LIT GAZ HAS ARTICLE ON CIA UTILIZATION OF
U.S. AND FOREIGN PRESS. ARTICLE IS BASED ON WESTERN
PRESS MATERIAL AND ON ARTICLES BY JOHN MARKS.

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